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Hi everyone and happy summer to you all. I hope you are staying cool and enjoying yourselves. Tell us about your fun vacation, a trip you took, or an event you attended. Send it to our [Tickler Editor, Dee Beardsley](#). We would love to hear from you.

Sadly, one of our former members and current honorary member, Clint Harris, passed away recently. He was a past president of our organization and remained very involved by attending our regular monthly meetings at Red's Old 395 Grill. After he retired, he continued to provide the CLE certificates for our monthly education and stated he looked forward to joining our monthly Out to Lunch Bunch meet ups. We knew he was struggling with health issues but were surprised and saddened to hear of his passing.

Life is short, especially to those of us who are no longer young. Enjoy your life! Be kind. Do fun things. Be happy.

Maria Nelson, PLS — DCLP President



DCLP LIVE!!

No Reservation Needed

Via ZOOM **Wednesday, September 4, 2024**
at 12 p.m.

No charge for guests.

Meeting ID: 922 280 3023 Passcode: 412889



The next Lunch Bunch meet up will be on Wednesday, August 14 at noon at Red's Old 395 Grill located at 1055 S. Carson Street in Carson City. If you can get away, please join us! No official business or program... Just an opportunity to socialize and catch up with our members.





Douglas-Carson Legal Professionals

wishes everyone a happy



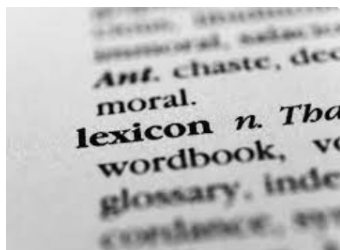
There will not be an education meeting this month as we're ON VACATION!

There is HOWEVER education in this issue along with some fun and giggles. Enjoy!

Send photos, stories, anecdotes about YOUR summer vacation to the [Editor](#) for inclusion in the member section of the September issue.

Wishing you safe and happy experiences whether at home or out and about on your holiday.

DCLP presents Cognitive Fitness



July's Word
Search Solution

Work Place Humor

What is a contronym?

Contronyms are single words that have two contradictory meanings (they are their own opposites) and they are quite rare. There are 75 contronyms in the English language. Here are a few of them:

1. **Apology**: a statement of contrition for an action, or a defense of one.
2. **Bolt**: to secure, or to flee.
3. **Bound**: heading to a destination, or restrained from movement.
4. **Cleave**: to adhere, or to separate.
5. **Consult**: to offer advice, or to obtain it
6. **Custom**: a common practice, or a special treatment.
7. **Dust**: to add fine particles, or to remove them.
8. **Fast**: quick, or stuck or made stable.
9. **First degree**: most severe murder charge, or least severe in reference to a burn.
10. **Fix**: to repair, or to castrate
11. **Left**: remained, or departed.
12. **Mean**: average or stingy, or excellent.
13. **Overlook**: to supervise, or to neglect.
14. **Peer**: a person of the nobility, or an equal.
15. **Rock**: An immobile stone or to move violently.
16. **Sanction**: to approve, or to boycott.
17. **Scan**: to peruse, or to glance.
18. **Screen**: to present, or to conceal.
19. **Trip**: a journey, or a stumble.
20. **Weather**: to withstand, or to wear away.

In a stressful job, it's important to have a sense of humor. After every flight, UPS pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet" which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are actual maintenance complaints submitted by UPS pilots ("P") and solutions recorded ("S") by maintenance engineers:

- P:** Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.
S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.
- P:** Something loose in cockpit.
S: Something tightened in cockpit.
- P:** Dead bugs on windshield.
S: Live bugs on back-order.
- P:** DME volume unbelievably loud.
S: DME volume set to more believable level.
- P:** Number 3 engine missing.
S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.
- P:** Aircraft handles funny.
S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.
- P:** Target radar hums.
S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.
- P:** Mouse in cockpit.
S: Cat installed.
- P:** Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.
S: Took hammer away from midget.

Redundancy

<https://www.dailywritingtips.com/category/writing-quizzes/>

Correct errors of redundancy in the following sentences by removing words that repeat the meaning already expressed by other words in the same sentence.

1. After a few minutes, the hawk was a small speck in the sky.
2. The Medical Examiner was called to the building where a dead corpse had been found.
3. I had to return back to the house to fetch my briefcase.
4. The boss wants us to meet together as soon as possible to address the problem of shrinkage.
5. Buy now and we'll throw in a printer as an added bonus.

ANSWERS

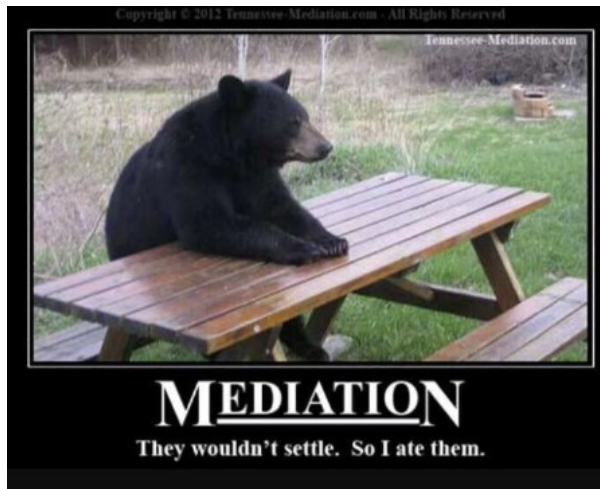
1. **Original:** After a few minutes, the hawk was a small speck in the sky.
Correct: After a few minutes, the hawk was a speck in the sky.
Explanation: A speck is a small spot.
2. **Original:** The Medical Examiner was called to the building where a dead corpse had been found.
Correct: The Medical Examiner was called to the building where a corpse had been found.
Explanation: The idea of "dead" is included in the word *corpse*.
3. **Original:** I had to return back to the house to fetch my briefcase.
Correct: I had to return to the house to fetch my briefcase.
Explanation: The verb *return* includes the sense of "going back" to a place.
4. **Original:** The boss wants us to meet together as soon as possible to address the problem of shrinkage.
Correct: The boss wants us to meet as soon as possible to address the problem of shrinkage.
Explanation: The word *together* is redundant because *to meet* means "to assemble a group in one place."
5. **Original:** Buy now and we'll throw in a printer as an added bonus.
Correct: Buy now and we'll throw in a printer as a bonus.
Explanation: There is only one bonus so "a" is appropriate.

Quiz on Alternative Dispute Resolution

Submitted by Mary Baldecchi, Emeritus PP, PLS

TRUE OR FALSE

- _____ 1. An agreement to arbitrate includes the specific issues to be determined by a mutual agreement to abide by the decision considered.
- _____ 2. An arbitrator must be an expert in the matter that is in controversy.
- _____ 3. Mediation is more expensive than simply proceeding to litigation.
- _____ 4. Typically, the defendant pays for the mediation session.
- _____ 5. Mediation can be made binding.



Answers

- 5 T
- 4 F
- 3 F
- 2 F
- 1 T

Righting Rules

—from monsterpunctuation.com

Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.

And sentences should not begin with a conjunction.

Shy away from cliches like the plague.

Absolutely always avoid annoying alliteration.

Be more or less specific.

Parenthetical remarks (however useful) are (usually) unnecessary.

Contractions aren't helpful and shouldn't be used.

One should never generalize.

Comparisons are as bad as cliches.

Abandon ampersands & abbreviations, etc.

Cut out commas, that are, not necessary.

Parenthetical words however should be enclosed in commas.

Never use a big word when a diminutive one would be sufficient.

Don't over use exclamation marks!!!!

Take care to use you're words appropriately.

Its important to use the apostrophe in it's proper place.

Who needs rhetorical questions?

Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.

Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.

The spellchecker is knot always write.



DID YOU KNOW?

Re-enchant your life by making the mundane exciting.

You are not "going to CVS," you are visiting the apothecary to buy potions.

You are not "running an errand," you are doing a side quest.

You are not "feeding the birds," you are making an alliance with the crow queen.

—from Owl at the Library

Adjectives in English absolutely have to be in this order: opinion-size-shape-color-origin-material-purpose Noun.

So you can have a lovely little old rectangular green French silver whittling knife. But if you mess with that order in the slightest you'll sound like a maniac.

It's an odd thing that every English speaker uses that list, but almost none of us could write it out.







And as size comes before color, green great dragons can't exist.

95TH ANNUAL NALS CONFERENCE



Registration for NALS 95th Annual Legal Education Conference in Portland, OR is now open. The conference will begin the afternoon of Sunday, October 13 and conclude the evening of Tuesday, October 15.

Education and Networking Schedule *

	Sunday Oct 13th
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
	Monday Oct 14th
	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
	Tuesday Oct 15th
	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

* See detailed schedule on following page.

Hotel

Hyatt Regency Portland at the Convention Center
375 NE Holladay Street, Portland, OR 97232

NALS attendees can choose between a standard room for **\$159/night + tax** or **\$174/night + tax** for a room with south-facing city, river, and mountain views. This rate is available through **September 20, 2024**.

The conference will begin the afternoon of Sunday, October 13 and conclude the evening of Tuesday, October 15.

Book 2 nights before or after the conference at the NALS rate (pending hotel availability) to explore the city!

Types of Attendees	Early May 31st - Aug. 18	Standard Aug. 19 - Sept. 15	Late Sept. 16 - Oct. 7	On-site Oct. 13 - 15
Full Conference (Sun., Mon. & Tues.)				
NALS Member	\$420	\$470	\$510	\$530
Non-member	\$520	\$570	\$610	\$630
Student or Retired Member	\$320	\$370	\$410	\$430
One Day Pass (Sun., Mon., or Tues.)				
NALS Member	\$220	\$250	\$280	\$310
Non-member	\$270	\$300	\$330	\$360
Student or Retired Member	\$170	\$200	\$230	\$260
Add-Ons				
Welcome Reception Guest	\$40	\$45	\$50	\$55
Awards Lunch Guest	\$40	\$45	\$50	\$55

95TH ANNUAL NALS CONFERENCE—SCHEDULE

View our [conference app](#) to stay up to date on all things conference!

Sunday, October 13

11:00 AM Registration Open
to 8:00 PM Deschutes Foyer

1:00 PM Legal Writing for Paralegals and Legal Assistants

3:10 PM They Did What?! Ethical Situations: How to
Handle Them, and How to Avoid Them

5:30 PM Welcome Reception

1:30 PM E-Discovery & The Digital Law Firm
Or

1:30 PM Education Session with Estelle Pete
Tribal Law

3:00 PM Education Session with Anderson Beals
Or

3:00 PM Legal Tech & AI: “What You Need to Know”

4:15 PM Electronic Notarization, Compliance, and the
Changing Landscape of Fraud

Or

4:15 PM Sharpening the Axe: Mindfulness,
Professionalism, and Showing Up as the
Professionals We Want to Be.

7:00 PM NALS Foundation Event

Monday, October 14

7:30 AM Registration Open
to 5:30 PM Deschutes Foyer

8:00 AM Two People Separated by a Common
Language—Communication Styles

9:45 AM Immigration Hot Topics

Or

9:45 AM You’ve Been Served...Liability Risks and
Mitigation Strategies When Hiring and Using a
Process Server

11:00 AM Inside the Attorney Disciplinary System

Or

11:00 AM Weaving the Web: Integrating Digital Forensics
into Legal Case Management

Tuesday, October 15

7:30 AM Registration Open
to 5:30 PM Deschutes Foyer

8:00 AM Relating to Difference

9:15 AM Introducing Licensed Paralegals in Oregon

Or

9:15 AM Talk Softly and Carry a Big Stick: Options for
Businesses in Financial Distress

95TH ANNUAL NALS CONFERENCE—SCHEDULE (cont'd)

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Tuesday, October 15 (cont'd)

10:45 AM CYA from the CTA (Corporate Transparency Act):
It Affects ALL Businesses and the Attorneys/
Paralegals that Form Them

Or

10:45 AM Tribal Courts, Indian Law, and Native Culture
Relevant to the Practice of Law

1:30 PM Guardianships: Creation and Transfer Among the
States

Or

1:30 PM Lessons from Lasso: Ethics, Emotional
Intelligence and Leadership

3:00 PM A Holistic Approach to Estate Planning

Or

3:00 PM My Path to Freelance

4:15 PM Closing Keynote

THINGS TO DO IN PORTLAND

Pioneer Courthouse Square, 701 SW 6th Avenue

Affectionately known as Portland's living room. Located in the heart of downtown.

Powell's City of Books, 1005 W Burnside St.

One of the largest independent bookstores in the world, three stories tall and taking up an entire city block. Nearly daily events. Lots of famous writers have left their signature on one of the pillars inside.

Washington Park, 611 SW Kingston Avenue

Explore the 12 acres of architecturally stunning Japanese gardens and take part in a traditional tea ceremony at the Kashintei Tea House.

Portland Aerial Tram, 3303 SW Bond Avenue

Take a 4 minute-long ride above the city for some incredible panoramic views. Once atop, take in exceptional views of downtown Portland and, on a clear day, Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens.

Pearl District, located in the heart of downtown

A trendy area of Portland, brimming with art galleries, fashion boutiques, and fine dining.

Portland Mercado, 7238 SE Foster Road

Famous for its collection of food trucks serving all the best Mexican, Central and South American food.



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CLINT HARRIS



June 30, 1946 — June 5, 2024

On June 4, 2024 we were saddened to learn of Clint Harris's passing at home after a valiant battle with cancer. He always remained positive and optimistic during the struggle and we missed him at chapter meetings.

Clint was born June 30, 1946 and grew up in Detroit alongside his brother Sherwood, forming a lifelong bond after the loss of their mother at a young age. They were later joined by half-brothers Ron and Richard.

He graduated from Redford High School in 1964 and went on to attend Lynchburg College before returning to Michigan to study at Wayne State University. It was there that he met Carol Voss, his future wife. Their courtship was briefly interrupted when Clint served in Vietnam during his Army enlistment. Upon his return, Clint and Carol married on August 31, 1969, and eventually settled in Nevada in 1972.

In Nevada, Clint embarked on a career of collecting careers that included roles as a land surveyor, newspaper editor, marketing/sales manager, and paralegal.

Clint was an active member of Douglas-Carson Legal Professionals, serving as secretary and president. He obtained his Professional Paralegal certification after attending DCLP's study group.

A devoted family man, Clint and Carol raised their three children in Genoa. Clint's dedication to his family was evident in his active involvement in their lives, from coaching soccer teams to supporting their endeavors and nurturing their interests.


Known for his gentle demeanor and passion for reading, Clint enjoyed hiking the trails near his Genoa home and delighted friends and family with his humorous writing, especially in the annual Christmas letter.

Clint and Carol celebrated over 56 years of marriage with travels across Europe and Australasia during retirement, cherishing their time together and the family they had built. Clint is survived by his beloved wife Carol; daughters Misha Ayler (Clint), Katelyn Gurnari (Mike), and son Kirkwood Harris (Stephanie); grandchildren Anthony Gurnari, Grantwood Ayler, and Yuli Harris; brother Sherwood "Woody" Harris (Connie); and half-brothers Ron and Richard Harris.

A Celebration of Life honoring Clint will be held on September 21, 2024, in Genoa, NV. For details, please contact Katelyn at kateharrisgurnari@gmail.com or 775-720-10.52608.



Be sure to check for the special CLE code you will receive when renewing your membership in 2024.

And  to use it!!

If you are unsure of your renewal date visit nals.org OR contact VP Sharon Coates, PP, CLP

New to Zoom?

You can join DCLP's meetings as a participant without creating a Zoom account.

Windows or Mac

1. Open the **Zoom** desktop client.
2. **Join** a meeting using one of these methods: (a) Click **Join a Meeting** if you want to **join without** signing in, or (b) sign in to Zoom and then click **Join**.
3. Enter the **meeting** ID number and your display name. If you're signed in, you can change your display name. If you're not signed in, enter a display name.
4. Select if you would like to connect to audio and/or video and click **join**.

For other devices, visit:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>



August 10— Ginny Brownell, PP, CLP



NALS Code of Ethics & Professional Responsibility

Members of NALS are bound by the objectives of this association and the standards of conduct required of the legal profession. Every member shall:

- Encourage respect for the law and administration of justice
- Observe rules governing privileged communications and confidential information
- Promote and exemplify high standards of loyalty, cooperation, and courtesy
- Perform all duties of the profession with integrity and competence
- Pursue a high order of professional attainment

Integrity and high standards of conduct are fundamental to the success of our professional association. This Code is promulgated by NALS and accepted by its members to accomplish these ends.

Canon 1. Members of this association shall maintain a high degree of competency and integrity through continuing education to better assist the legal profession in fulfilling its duty to provide quality legal services to the public.

Canon 2. Members of this association shall maintain a high standard of ethical conduct and shall contribute to the integrity of the association and the legal profession.

Canon 3. Members of this association shall avoid a conflict of interest pertaining to a client matter.

Canon 4. Members of this association shall preserve and protect the confidences and privileged communications of a client.

Canon 5. Members of this association shall exercise care in using independent professional judgment and in determining the extent to which a client may be assisted without the presence of a lawyer and shall not act in matters involving professional legal judgment.

Canon 6. Members of this association shall not solicit legal business on behalf of a lawyer.

Canon 7. Members of this association, unless permitted by law, shall not perform legal functions except under the direct

supervision of a lawyer and shall not advertise or contract with members of the general public for the performance of paralegal functions.

Canon 8. Members of this association, unless permitted by law, shall not perform any of the duties restricted to lawyers or do things which lawyers themselves may not do and shall assist in preventing the unauthorized practice of law.

Canon 9. Members of this association not licensed to practice law shall not engage in the practice of law as defined by statutes or court decisions.

Canon 10. Members of this association shall do all other things incidental, necessary, or expedient to enhance professional responsibility and participation in the administration of justice and public service in cooperation with the legal profession.



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